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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1541

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Committee:

From extreme heat to smoke-filled air from wildfires, climate change has significantly impacted my community in Portland. For my neighbors, the worsening climate crisis necessitates investments for preparedness and recovery, including energy-efficient cooling and home weatherization. Across our state, Oregonians must prepare buildings and power lines to be wildfire safe, rebuild better and more resilient after major floods or wildfires, and combat water shortages with more efficient irrigation equipment.

For these investments in preparedness, as well as cleanup after climate disasters, Oregonians and our local governments must foot the bill while the responsible actors, fossil fuel companies, rake in the profits. As legislators, you have the power to address this injustice by holding responsible corporations accountable. I urge you to pass SB 1541 and finally make these polluters pay for the damage they've done to communities across our state.

Sincerely,
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